(*a*) the amount allotted for the maintenance of the canal from Kozhitottam Onnanpalam to Nadayara *palam* during each of the years 1104 and 1105;

(*b*) the amount actually spent during each of these years; and

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the boatmen and others have represented their grievances regarding the shallowness of the canal and the consequent difficulties which have made navigation hard ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Rs. 2,400 per year.

(*b*) 1104 Rs. 3,547.
1105 Rs. 2,192.

(*c*) Yes. In 1103 it was brought to notice that the portion of the canal (T. S. canal 21 to 26 miles) was shallow, and the portion was deepened by the Bucket Dredger.

Road connecting the Vanchiyoor road and the Convent road in Trivandrum.

103. **MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): With regard to the road proposed to be newly opened to connect the Vanchiyoor road and the Convent road, will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether there is any proposal to vary the sanctioned estimate in regard to the width of the road ; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the reason for the variation and the authority for it ?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*) above.

Board of Examiners for the conduct of the S. S. L. C. Examination of 1930.

104. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there are proposals now (18-4-1106) before them for the constitution of a Board of Examiners for the conduct of the School Leaving Certificate Examination of 1931 ; and

(*b*) if the trend of the criticisms in the Legislative Council on the motion for adjournment of the business of the House to consider the question of unsatisfactory results in the S. S. L. C. Examination of 1930 would be borne in mind in constituting the committee ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) Government have already sanctioned the constitution of a Board of Examiners for the year 1931 with due regard to their qualifications and past experience in the matter.

Re-valuation of answer papers for the S. S. L. C. Examination of 1930.

105. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the process of re-valuation of answer papers brought to light faulty or unfair judgment on the part of any examiners, and, if so, what steps are taken against those responsible for the nomination of such examiners, if any ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Part (*a*). No. Part (*b*). In view of the answer to the previous part this does not arise.

Age of an Officer of the Secretariat.

106. MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a representation that an officer of the Huzur Secretariat is over 55 years of age and that the age he has given is false; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, when the representation was received, about whom, and the action, if any, taken thereon?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The petition was received in April 1930. It was about the age of Mr. A. Padmanabha Aiyar, one of the Superintendents in the Secretariat. The petition was enquired into and as the allegation was found to be false, it was recorded.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know the nature of the enquiry that was made?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The officer's explanation was obtained.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Was that all the enquiry that was made?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know the nature of the explanation?

MR. K. GEGRGE ((*Chief Secretary to Government*): The nature of the explanation is that the entries in the documents are wrong being themselves inconsistent. The entry in the service book was made years ago and that is correct and the entry of the date of birth of his brother in palace employment was wrong and that he is prepared to prove that.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): How many entries were referred to in that petition?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Two.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): That is to say the entry in the document and the entry in the Palace service book?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Only the entry in two documents was referred to by the petitioner. The petitioner also said that the date of birth of the younger brother as put down in his service book was earlier than the date of birth of Mr. Padmanabha Aiyar.

MR. A. THAHU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): That was the age of the younger brother who retired in his 55th year from the Palace?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): According to his service book he retired in his 55th year.

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